



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 6610

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AN ACT IMPOSING A MORATORIUM CONCERNING CERTAIN STATE PROPERTY USED FOR PROVIDING SERVICES OR RESIDENTIAL PURPOSES BY THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL RETARDATION AND THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION SERVICES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (a) Notwithstanding any provision of the general
2 statutes concerning the sale, lease or transfer of real property by or on
3 behalf of the state, during the period commencing on the effective date
4 of this act and ending on the date that is three years from the effective
5 date of this act or on the date on which the General Assembly
6 approves a plan for the elimination of all waiting lists of the
7 Department of Mental Retardation and the Department of Mental
8 Health and Addiction Services, whichever date is earlier, no state-
9 owned real property that, on the effective date of this act, is or has
10 been occupied for residential purposes by persons receiving services
11 from the Department of Mental Retardation or the Department of
12 Mental Health and Addiction Services, and such occupancy is a
13 permitted use of such property under applicable zoning regulations, or
14 is being or has been used to provide services by either of such
15 departments, may be sold, leased, transferred or used for any other
16 purpose by or on behalf of the state.

17 (b) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes,
18 subsection (a) of this section shall apply to, but not be limited to, any

19 state hospital, training school, regional facility or other facility
20 provided for the care and training of persons with mental retardation
21 or psychiatric disabilities, including Norwich Hospital, Fairfield Hills
22 Hospital, the Southbury Training School and the Mansfield Training
23 School, and to any state-operated community-based residential facility,
24 boarding home, group home, halfway house or other residential
25 facility meeting the criteria set forth in subsection (a) of this section
26 and occupied by persons with mental retardation, persons with
27 psychiatric disabilities, alcohol-dependent persons or drug-dependent
28 persons.

29 Sec. 2. This act shall take effect from its passage.

GAE *Joint Favorable Subst.*